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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY INCREASE

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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE THERE HAS BEEN DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE COST OF SUBSISTENCE, A SITUATION THAT HAS LED TO GENERAL STRIKES AND GENERATED UNPRECEDENTED UNREST THROUGHOUT THE RANGOON AREA (REFTEL). DUE TO THE INABILITY OF THE GUB TO CONTROL PRICES OR PROVIDE SUFFICIENT BASICS TO THE BURMESE DIET, SUCH AS RICE, OIL, ETC., THE EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SEEK THESE NECESSITIES ON THE "OPEN" MARKET AT PRICES 400 PERCENT ABOVE THE NORM.

2. THOSE DIPLOMATIC MISSION WITH LARGE LOCAL STAFFS, INCLUDING THE BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN, AND WEST GERMAN EMBASSIES, ARE ALREADY INITIATING A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO THEIR LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

3. TO RELIEVE HARDSHIP BEING EXPERIENCED BY OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES, EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO GRANT TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY INCREASES FOR THE DURATION OF THIS EMERGENCY. NECESSITY OF THIS SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY INCREASE WOULD BE REVIEWED MONTHLY. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT APPROVAL, POST WILL REQUIRE AN ALLOCATION OF AN ADDITIONAL $800 TO ITS SHARED ALLOTMENT WHICH WILL COVER THE LAST PAY PERIOD IN THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 15.
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